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SUBJECT: MEXICAN VIEWS RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO US-IAEA
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

REF: VIENNA 5700

1. IN REPLY TO STATEMENTS MADE ON PNES IN REFTEL EMBASSY
SHOULD EMPHASIZE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR
GOM OFFICIAL (GONZALES-GALVEZ OR HIGHER).

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-- US IS VERY SURPRISED AT APPARENT POSITION ON PEACEFUL
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES) BEING TAKEN BY GOM OFFICIAL IN
VIENNA. VIEWS EXPRESSED TO US OFFICIALS (I.E., IN REFTEL)
APPEAR TO CONTRADICT THE UNDERTAKING IN THE NPT AND IN
ARTICLE I OF TLATELOLCO SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS
WHAT US UNDERSTOOD TO BE MEXICAN SUPPORT OF THE COMMON
DECISION AGAINST PNES UNDER TLATELOLCO.

-- A REVISED MEXICAN OPINION ON PNES COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE US IN THE RATIFICATION PROCESS OF PROTOCOL I OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO SINCE MUCH OF OUR PUBLIC EXPLANATION HAS BEEN BASED ON MEXICO'S POSITION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS PNES.

-- BECAUSE OF US ASSESSMENT OF THE DOUBTFUL BENEFITS OF PNES, US HAS ABANDONED ITS OWN PNE PROGRAM AND DOES NOT SEE ANY BENEFITS IN THE ADOPTION OF SUCH A PROGRAM BY ANY STATE INCLUDING MEXICO.

-- OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, NEW MEXICAN POSITION ON PNES COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR CTB AT A TIME WHEN US AND SOVIETS HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARD A CTB, AND IN PARTICULAR, HAVE AGREED THAT PNES SHOULD BE BANNED UNDER A CTB. IN FACT, A CHANGED MEXICAN POSITION MIGHT, IN FACT, COMPLICATE FINAL AGREEMENT.

2. DUE TO REFTTEL, US IS CONFUSED ON OFFICIAL MEXICAN POSITION REGARDING PNES AND WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FYI: WE ASSUME MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION IS THAT MEXICAN VIEW AS EXPRESSED IN VIENNA IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH VIEWS OF GARCIA ROBLES AND OTHER MEXICAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD IDENTICAL VIEWS OVER THE DANGERS OF PNES FOR ADVANCING OUR COMMON
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ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION INTERESTS. END FYI. VANCE

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